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SUBJECT: ECE - 23RD SESSION OF COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE

SUMMARY: SESSION WILL EMPHASIZE PRACTICAL WORK PROGRAM RATHER THAN POLICY QUESTIONS IN LIGHT OF CSCE PREOCCUPATION WITH THOSE QUESTIONS. SECRETARIAT PAPER ON REVIEW OF RECENT TRENDS, POLICIES AND PROBLEMS IN INTRA-REGIONAL TRADE PROVIDES USEFUL BACKGROUND FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION. DECISIONS WILL BE REQUIRED ON TIMING OF MEETINGS ON EAST-WEST TRADE EXPERTS AND EXPERTS ON INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION; CSCE MAY HAVE BEARING ON THESE DECISIONS. FURTHER ACTION ON MARKETING, FACILITATION OF TRADE PROCEDURES AND STANDARDIZATION SHOULD RECEIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION. END SUMMARY.

23RD SESSION OF ECE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE (25-29 NOVEMBER) MOST LIKELY WILL FOLLOW PATTERN OF PREVIOUS SESSION WITH EMPHASIS ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRACTICAL WORK PROGRAM AND LESS ATTENTION TO BROAD

POLICY ISSUES. ALTHOUGH SOME DELEGATIONS MAY FEEL THAT ECE PROGRAM DEPENDENT ON CSCE OUTCOME, CURRENT AGENDA REFLECTS SOLID AND PROGRESSIVE PROGRAM IN LINE WITH RAPIDLY DEVELOPING EAST-WEST COMMERCIAL RELATIONS. CSCE WILL HAVE IMPACT ON THIS MEETING SINCE CSCE DELEGATIONS OF SAME COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN WRESTLING WITH BASIC POLICY QUESTIONS FOR OVER A YEAR WITH SOME POSITIVE RESULTS. THERE IS LITTLE VALUE THEREFORE IN COVERING SAME GROUND DURING SHORT ONE-WEEK TIME-SPAN. MOREOVER, A GREATER DEGREE OF EAST-WEST UNDERSTANDING ON THESE ISSUES, PARTIALLY AS A RESULT OF CSCE, SHOULD PROVIDE BASIS FOR ACTION ON THE PRACTICAL PROGRAM PROPOSED IN ECE.

COMMENTS ON INDIVIDUAL AGENDA ITEMS FOLLOW:

ITEM 3. RESULTS OF 29TH ECE SESSION:

THE ONLY OUTSTANDING ISSUE IS THE DISPOSITION OF TWO DRAFT RESOLUTIONS FROM THE 27TH SESSION - AN EASTERN DRAFT ON TRADE POLICY AND A WESTERN DRAFT ON PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF EAST-WEST TRADE COOPERATION. THESE RESOLUTIONS WERE NOT TAKEN UP AT THE PREVIOUS SESSIONS OF THE TRADE COMMITTEE NOR THE 29TH COMMISSION SESSION AND IT IS MOST UNLIKELY THAT THEY WILL BE PRESSED AT THIS SESSION.

ITEM 4. REVIEW OF RECENT TRENDS, POLICIES AND PROBLEMS.

THIS ITEM BASED ON A SPECIAL REVIEW BY SECRETARIAT OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN EAST-WEST TRADE (TRADE R/300). ENGLISH VERSION NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL NEXT WEEK. DOCUMENT REFERS TO LIBERALIZATION OF WESTERN TRADE POLICIES AND TRADE PROMOTION AS WELL AS INCREASING DEMANDS OF EASTERN ECONOMIES FOR WESTERN IMPORTS. NETWORK OF COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENTS AND JOINT COMMISSIONS EXAMINED. INCREASED WESTERN CREDITS AND DECLINING BILATERAL CLEARING AGREEMENTS HAS FACILITATED TRADE. INTERNATIONAL MONETARY DEVELOPMENTS AND "ENERGY CRISIS", RESULTING IN PRICE INCREASES, HAVE AFFECTED EAST-WEST TRADE.

CAUTIOUS FAVORABLE LONG-TERM OUTLOOK FOR EXPANSION OF EAST-WEST TRADE PROJECTED BASED ON HIGH GROWTH RATE IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EAST AND RECOVERY IN WEST. TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION CONTRACTS PROVIDE BASIS FOR STEADY GROWTH IN EAST-WEST ECONOMIC RELATIONS. PROSPECTS FOR SHORT-TERM SEEM LESS REASSURING BECAUSE OF NEW ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES FACED BY WESTERN COUNTRIES. BUT EVEN IN SHORT-TERM, EAST-WEST TRADE MAY EXPAND RAPIDLY BUT POSSIBLY AT SLOWER RATE. GENERAL DISCUSSION IS ANTICIPATED ON THE BASIS OF THIS DOCUMENT.

ITEM 5. REMOVAL OF OBSTACLES TO INTRA-REGIONAL TRADE.

(A) LONG-TERM AGREEMENTS ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND TRADE. SECRETARIAT HAS PREPARED LISTING AND BRIEF ANALYSIS OF EXISTING AGREEMENTS AS BASIS FOR REVIEW BY DELEGATES. SUGGEST BRIEF U.S. STATEMENT HIGHLIGHTING NEW AGREEMENTS DURING PAST YEAR. THERE MAY BE POSSIBLE DISCUSSION OF NEW EC POLICY RE AGREEMENTS WITH NON-MARKET COUNTRIES ALTHOUGH NO INDICATION AT THIS POINT THAT EITHER SIDE PLANS TO PRECIPITATE SUCH DISCUSSION.

(B) INVENTORY OF ADMINISTRATIVE RESTRICTIONS. SECRETARIAT PROPOSING PROGRAM OF ACTION FOR REMOVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE RESTRICTIONS TO TRADE INCLUDING AD HOC MEETING FOR PREPARATION OF PRIORITY LIST TO BE SUBJECT OF NEGOTIATIONS. MEETING WOULD BE COMPOSED OF TRADE AS WELL AS TECHNICAL EXPERTS, E.G. EXPERTS ON STANDARDIZATION. SUGGEST U.S. SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE.

(C) SECOND INFORMAL MEETING OF TRADE EXPERTS. THERE IS GENERAL SUPPORT FOR THIS MEETING WHICH WAS ENDORSED AT 22ND SESSION OF COMMITTEE AND 29TH SESSION OF COMMISSION. ONLY ISSUE BEFORE COMMITTEE IS DATE OF PREPARATORY MEETING AND MEETING ITSELF. SECRETARIAT HAS SUGGESTED 23-24 JANUARY 1975 FOR FORMER AND MARCH OR LATE MAY FOR LATTER. IT IS LIKELY THAT SOME DELEGATIONS WILL SEEK TO DEFER MEETING UNTIL COMPLETION OF CSCE IN ORDER TO PERMIT EXPERTS TO TAKE RESULTS INTO ACCOUNT. WHILE AN EARLY MEETING MIGHT BE USEFUL, WE SEE NO HARM IN DEFERRAL TO LATE 1975 OR EARLY 1976. SOME DISCUSSION MAY TAKE PLACE CONCERNING CONTENT OF THE MEETING WHICH, IN OUR VIEW, COULD BE MORE SUBSTANTIVE THAN QUESTION AND ANSWER FORMAT OF PREVIOUS MEETING. SEVERAL AREAS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SPECIAL CONCERN MIGHT BE EMPHASIZED.

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ITEM 6. SCIENTIFIC, TECHNOLOGICAL AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION.

(A) INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION. DECISION TO HOLD A SECOND MEETING OF EXPERTS TAKEN AT 22ND COMMITTEE SESSION AND ENDORSED AT 29TH PLENARY. ISSUES OUTSTANDING ARE DATE AND CONTENT OF MEETING. SECRETARIAT HAS SUGGESTED 24-27 FEBRUARY OR 10-14 MARCH 1975. AS IS CASE WITH MEETING OF TRADE EXPERTS, THERE MAY BE MOVE TO DEFER THIS MEETING UNTIL COMPLETION OF CSCE. US DELEGATION SHOULD BE FLEXIBLE ON TIMING EVEN IF MEETING IS DEFERRED FOR ONE YEAR. DRAFT AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS FINANCING AND PAYMENTS IN LINE WITH COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION. AGENDA APPEARS SOMEWHAT AMBITIOUS BUT SHOULD BE GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE.

(B) SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION.

A BRIEF INFORMATION NOTE ON WORK OF SENIOR ADVISERS ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WILL BE PRESENTED. LITTLE OR NO DISCUSSION ANTICIPATED.

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ITEM 7. MARKET INFORMATION AND TECHNIQUES.

SUGGEST CAREFUL ANALYSIS BY DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE OF REPORT ON SECOND SEMINAR ON EAST-WEST TRADE (TRADE/SEM.1/2) AND SECRETARIAT NOTE (TRADE/R.305). USEFUL SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED THEREIN FOR FURTHER SECRETARIAT WORK AND ADDITIONAL SEMINARS MORE LIMITED IN TIME AND SCOPE. U.S. DELEGATION COMMENTS ON THE TIMING AND NATURE OF FUTURE MARKETING SEMINARS, INCLUDING POSSIBILITY OF US GOVERNMENT

OR PRIVATE INDUSTRY HOSTING, WOULD BE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION.

ITEM 8. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF REGION. DESPITE COOLNESS OF OTHER MEMBERS TO SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF REGION, SECRETARIAT HAS PROPOSED AMBITIOUS STUDY ON INTRA-EUROPEAN TEMPORARY MIGRATION OF LABOR WHICH WOULD BE MOST RELEVANT TO THOSE COUNTRIES. THIS STUDY APPEARS TOO AMBITIOUS, DUPLICATES WORK OF OTHER BODIES AND BEYOND DESIRABLE SCOPE OF ECE ACTIVITIES. UNLESS CONSENSUS EMERGES IN FAVOR OF STUDY, RECOMMEND U.S. DELEGATION EXERT QUIET EFFORT TO HEAD IT OFF.

ITEM 9. TRADE PROCEDURES AND STANDARDIZATION. THIS IS MOST FRUITFUL AREA OF ECE ACTIVITIES IN TRADE FIELD AND SHOULD BE STRONGLY SUPPORTED. SECRETARIAT SUGGESTS CLOSER COOPERATION BETWEEN ECE AND INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL BODIES, NOT ONLY TO SECURE BETTER RESULTS BUT TO AVOID POSSIBLE ASSERTION OF ROLE BY UNCTAD. WORK IN FIELD OF STANDARDIZATION SHOULD BE LINKED MORE CLOSELY TO WORK ON ADMINISTRATIVE OBSTACLES TO TRADE.

ITEMS 10 AND 11. NO COMMENT. DALE

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